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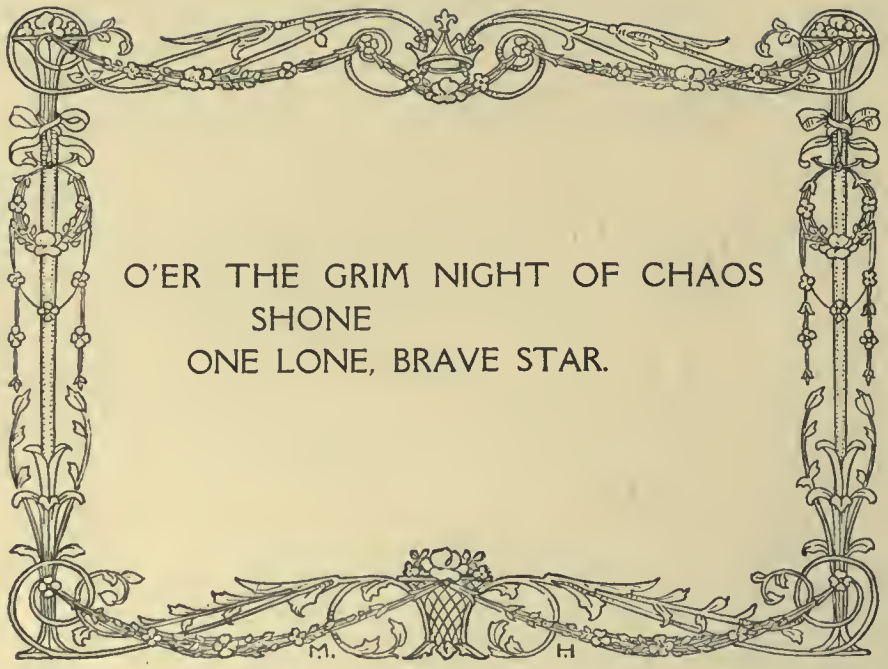
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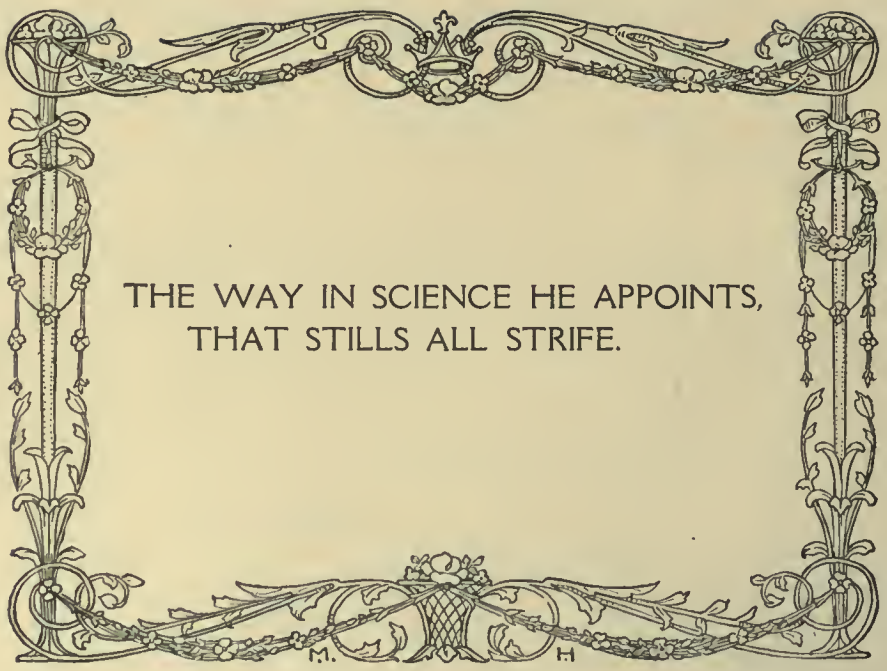
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CHRIST HEALING

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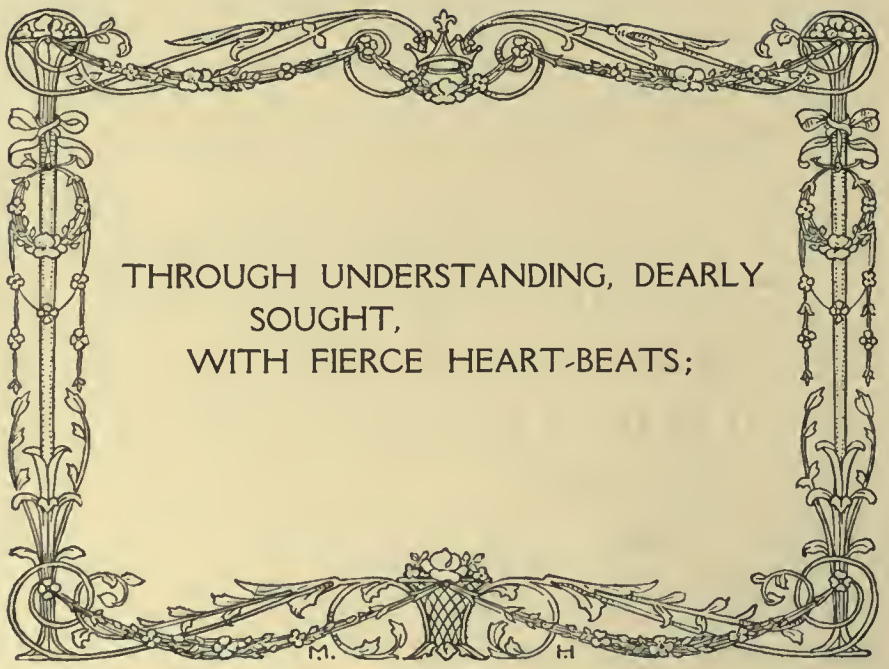
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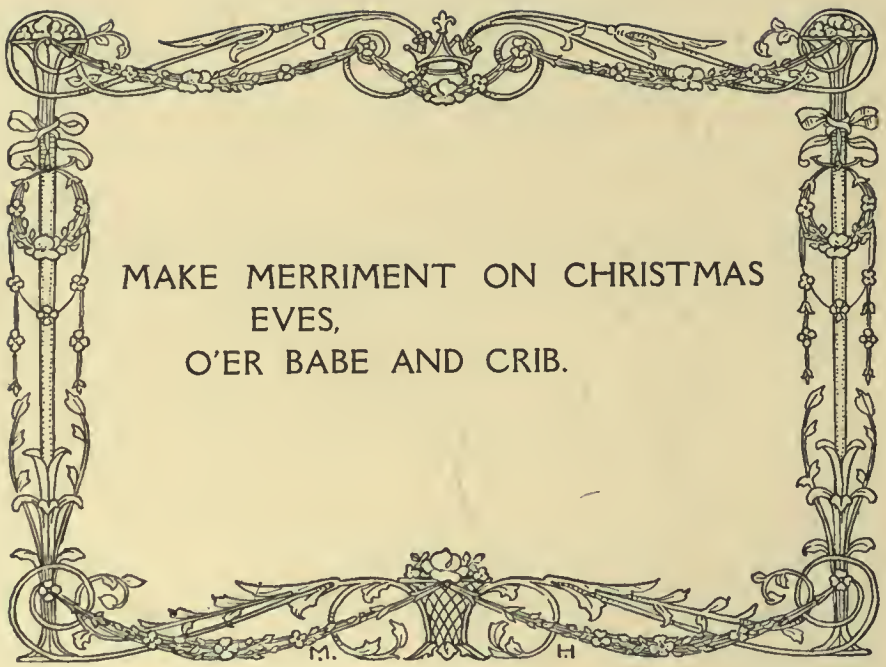
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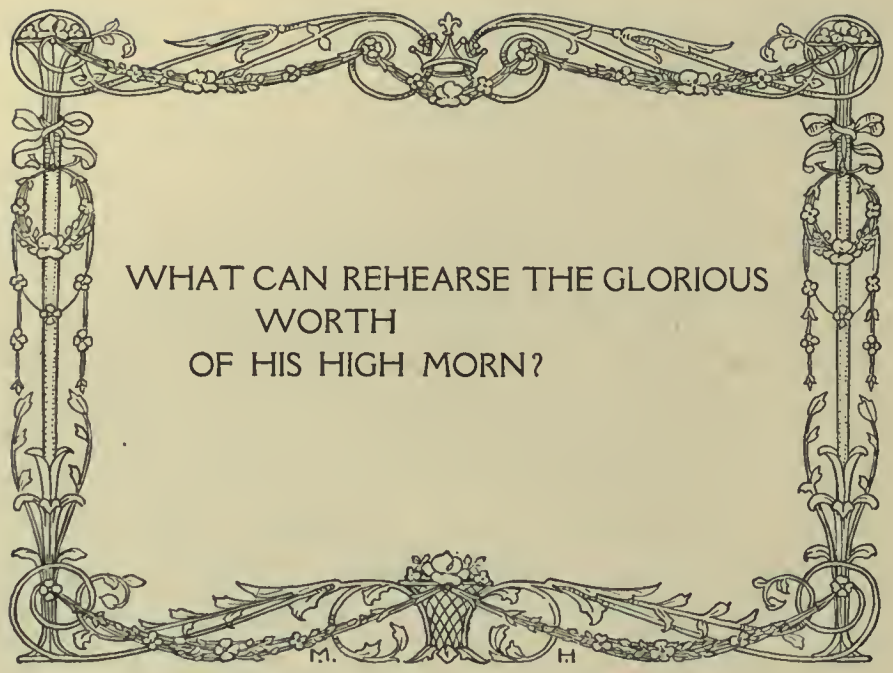
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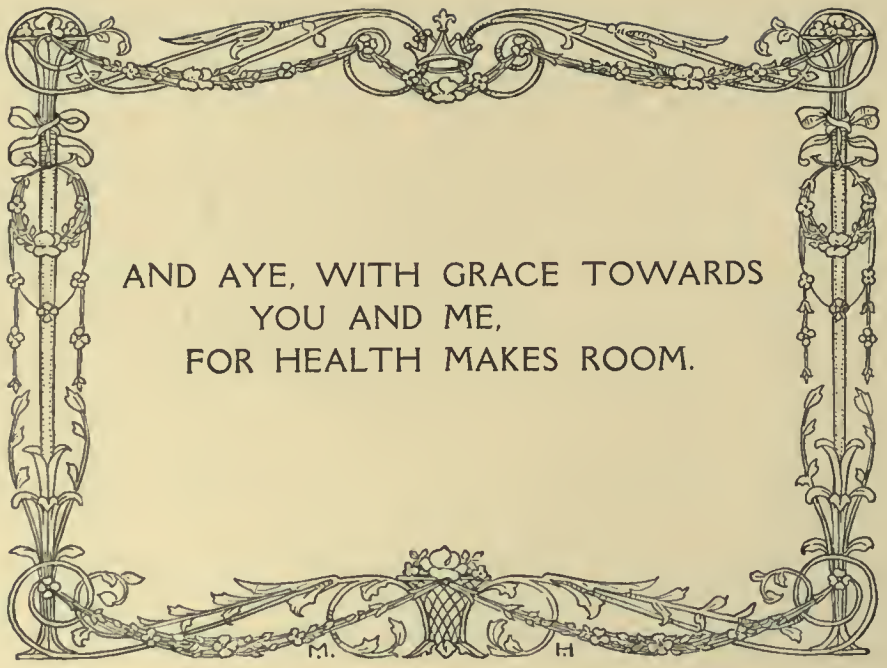
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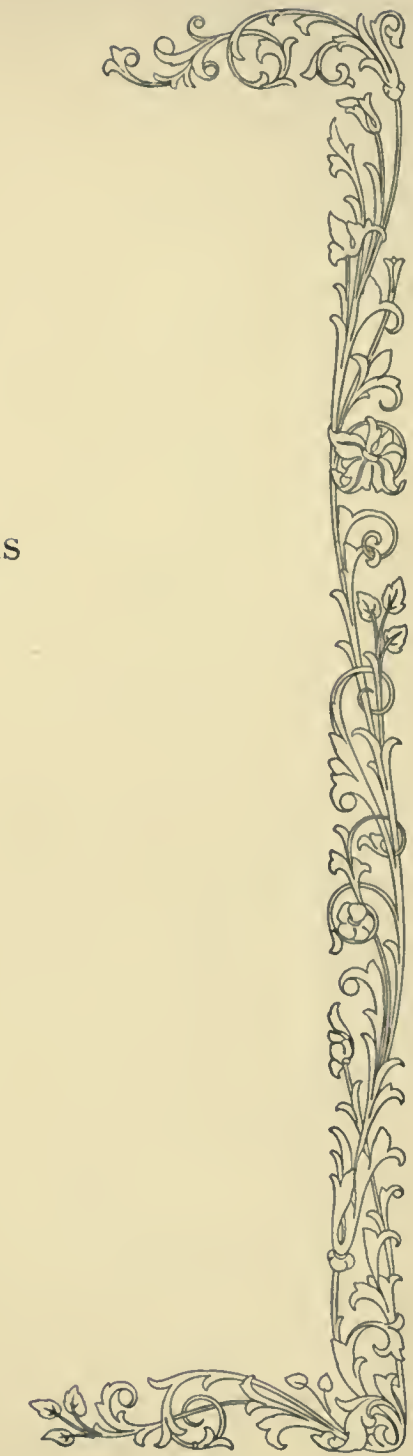

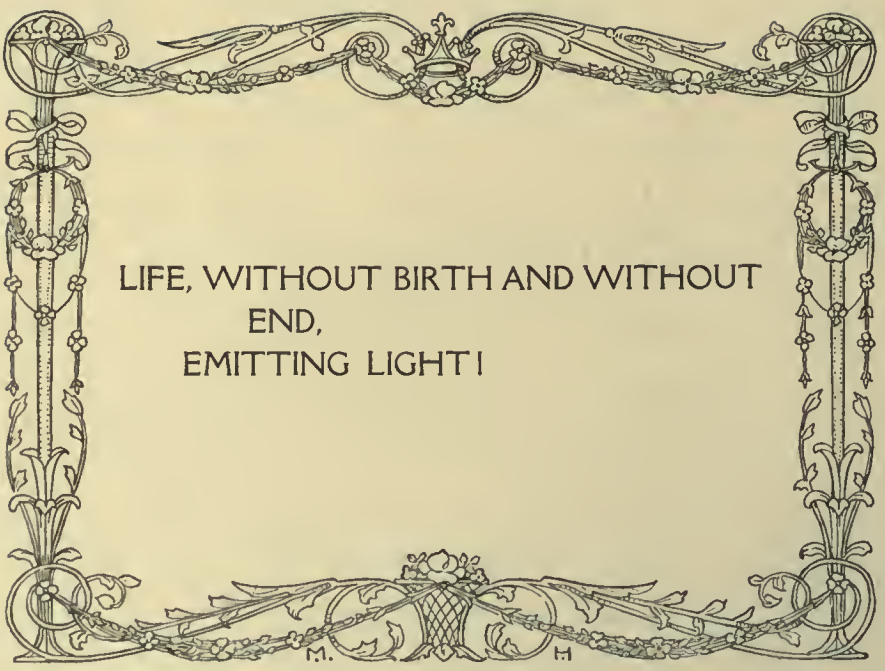
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I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes. — *Christ Jesus*

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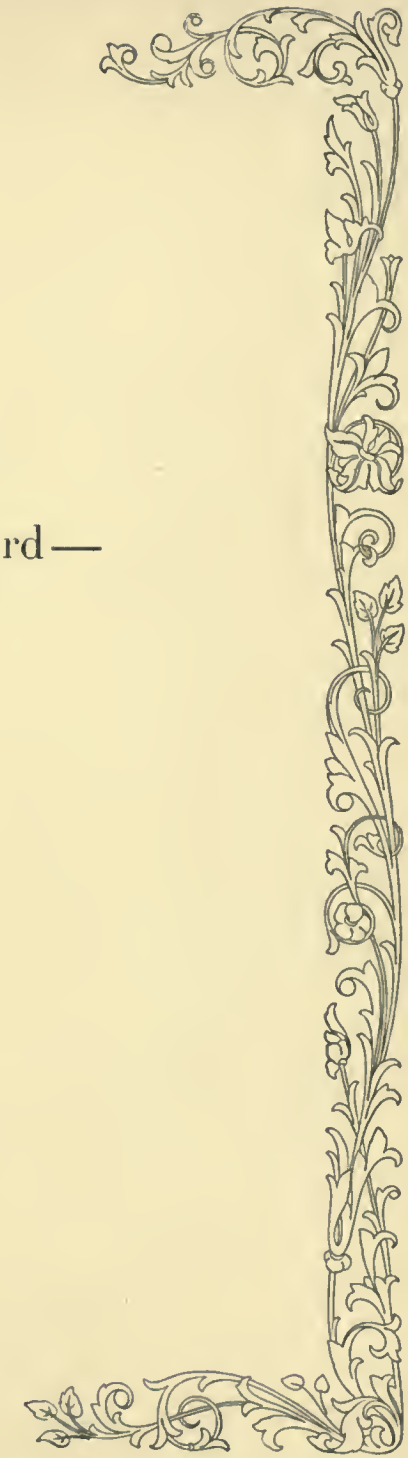

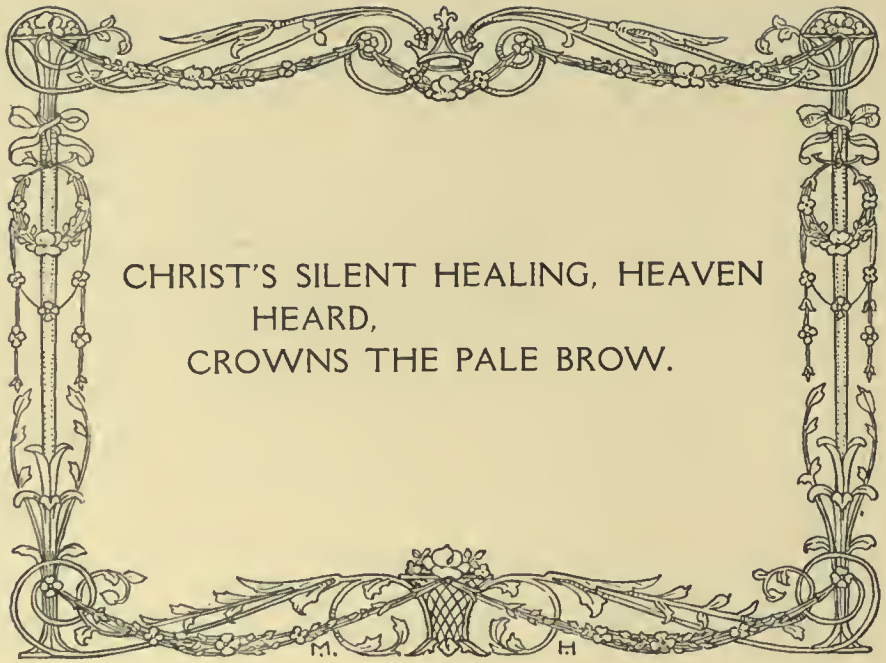
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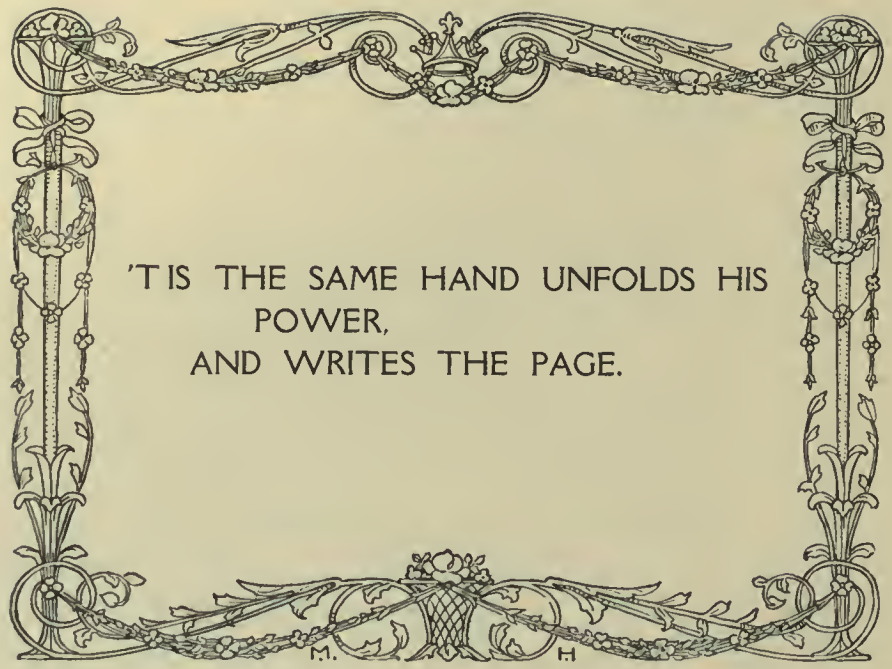
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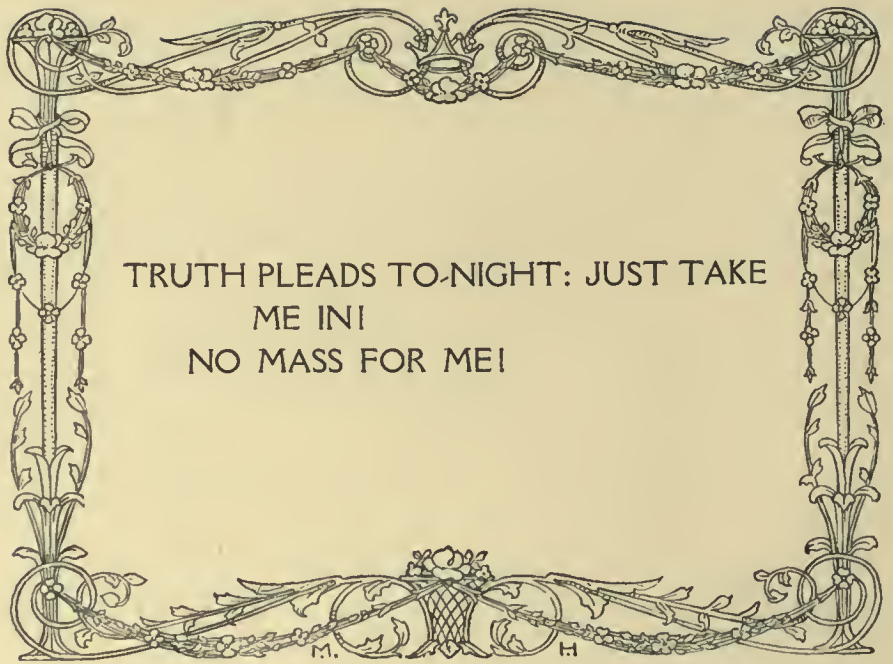
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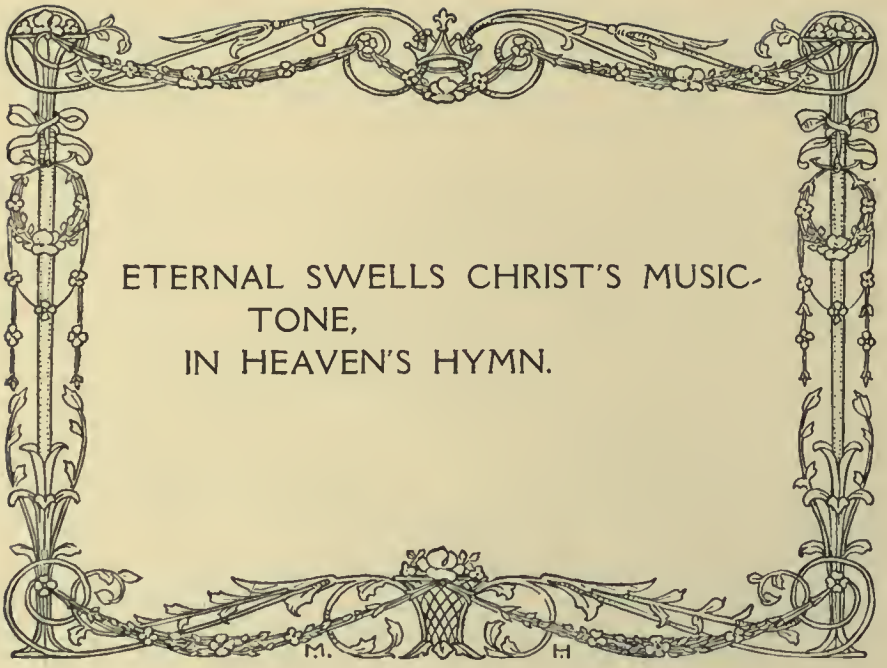
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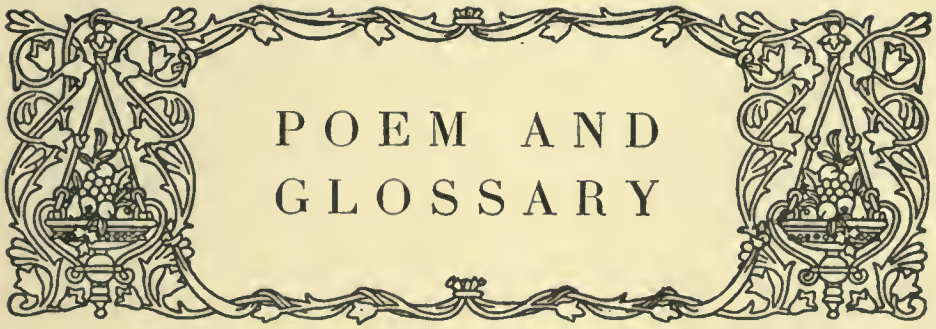
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These Scriptural texts are the basis of the sentiments in the verses, whereto their number corresponds.

VERSE

1. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. — *Christ Jesus.*
2. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live. — *Christ Jesus.*
3. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. — *Isaiah.*
4. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. — *Christ Jesus.*
5. The tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts: but they regard not the work of the Lord, neither consider the operation of His hands. — *Isaiah.*
6. Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble. — *Job.*
7. Before Abraham was, I am. — *Christ Jesus.*
8. If Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit [God-likeness] is life because of righteousness. — *St. Paul.*
9. But such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. — *St. Peter.*
10. Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God. — *St. Paul.*
11. Heal the sick. — *Christ Jesus.*
12. For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. — *Christ Jesus.*
13. And there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. — *Christ Jesus.*
14. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. — *Christ Jesus.*
15. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. — *Christ Jesus.*

AND he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

And I will give him the MORNING STAR.

— *Christ Jesus.*

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